

HTTP

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History of HTTP

The development of the World Wide Web by Tim Berners-Lee and his group at CERN (Switzerland) in 1989 marked the beginning of HTTP. The name "One-line protocol" was given to the initial iteration of HTTP, which had the version number 0.9. This was limited to server-side HTML file viewing.

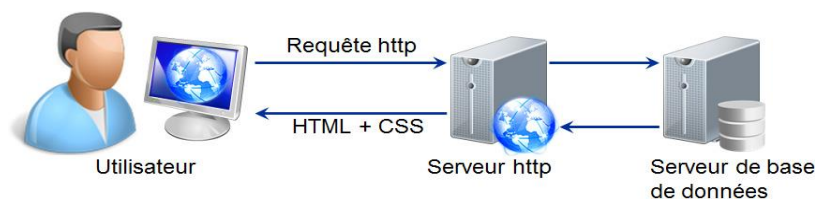
An application-level protocol for networked, collaborative, hypermedia information systems is the Hyper Text Transfer Protocol (HTTP).

HTTP 1.1 is the current industry standard. Then port 80 is used by an HTTP server by default (443 for HTTPS).

HTTP Protocol

A protocol called HTTP is used to retrieve resources like HTML documents. It serves as the foundation for all online data exchange. Since it is a client-server protocol, queries must be made by the recipient (which is usually a web browser). A complete document is constructed from several retrieved sub-documents, such as text, layout descriptions, photos, videos, scripts, and more.

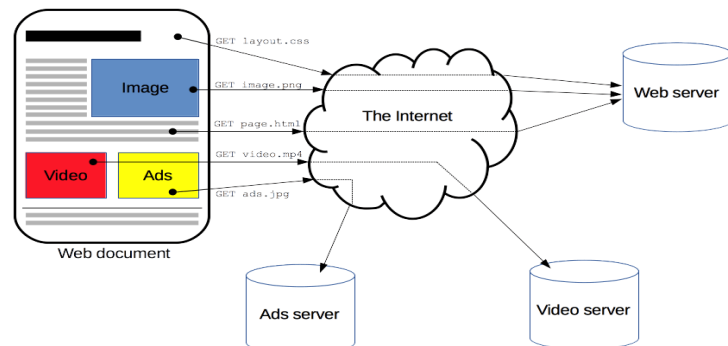
In order to communicate, clients and servers exchange discrete messages (as opposed to a stream of data). Requests are messages delivered by the client, which is often a web browser, and replies are messages that the server sends back.



How it works

When you type an Internet address into your web browser and the requested website appears, HTTP connection between your browser and the web server has been established. We may therefore say that HTTP is the dialect that your web browser uses to communicate its requests to the web server.

1. The user enters information into his Internet browser's address bar.
2. The web server that manages the domain receives a request from the browser known as an HTTP request.
3. After receiving the HTTP request, the web server looks for the required file. and sends the header first. (The index.html file)



4. If the client wishes to obtain the file after it has been located. The server sends the message content following the header. (This is the file named index.html.)
5. After receiving the file, the browser presents it as a webpage.

Request method

The request methods defined by HTTP specify the action to be taken on the designated resource. Although there are nouns as well, we frequently discuss HTTP verbs. Differing implementations may have some common functionality despite having different meanings.

- Get : The GET method requests to represent the specified asset. GET requests should only be used to retrieve data.
- Head: The HEAD method requests a response identical to a GET request whose response body has been omitted (only the header).
- Post: The POST method is used to send an entity to the specified resource. This usually leads to a change of state or undesirable effects on the server.
- Put: The PUT method replaces the set of current representations of the resource covered by the content of the request.
- Delete: The DELETE method deletes the indicated resource.
- Trace : The TRACE method performs a round trip test message following the path of the targeted resource.

HTTP responses

A series of lines from the server known as an HTTP response are delivered to the browser. She is aware that

A status line is a line that indicates, via the use of a code and explanation text, the protocol version that is being used as well as the current stage of the request's processing. A gap is required between each of the three components on the line:

- The protocol's iteration that was employed
- The status code.
- What the code really means

The response header fields are a collection of extra lines that can be included if further details about the response or the server are desired. These lines each consist of a name identifying the kind of header, a colon (:), and the header value. it contains the requested document.

there are 5 categories of http answers :

1. Informative answers (100 - 199)
2. Success answers (200 - 299)
3. Redirection messages (300 - 399)
4. Client errors (400 - 499)
5. Server errors (500 - 599)

HTTP Status Codes



An example of a GET request

The image shows two windows from the PuTTY application. The left window is the 'PuTTY Configuration' dialog, and the right window is the 'PuTTY' terminal window.

PuTTY Configuration:

- Category: Terminal
- Basic options for your PuTTY session
- Specify the destination you want to connect to:
 - Host Name (or IP address):
 - Port:
- Connection type: SSH Serial Other:
- Load, save or delete a stored session
- Close window on exit: Always Never Only on clean exit

PuTTY Terminal:

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GET / HTTP/1.1
Host: www.perdu.com

HTTP/1.1 200 OK
Date: Sun, 09 Oct 2022 13:05:38 GMT
Server: Apache
Upgrade: h2
Connection: Upgrade
Last-Modified: Thu, 02 Jun 2016 06:01:08 GMT
ETag: "cc-5344555136fe9"
Accept-Ranges: bytes
Content-Length: 204
Cache-Control: max-age=600
Expires: Sun, 09 Oct 2022 13:15:38 GMT
Vary: Accept-Encoding,User-Agent
Content-Type: text/html

<html><head><title>Vous Etes Perdu ?</title></head><body><h1>Perdu sur l'Interne
t ?</h1><h2>Pas de panique, on va vous aider</h2><strong><pre> * <----- vous
secirc;tes ici</pre></strong></body></html>
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The image shows a Wireshark network traffic capture. The main pane displays a list of captured packets, and the bottom pane shows the details of a selected packet.

Packet List:

No.	Time	Source	Destination	Protocol	Length	Info
28	4.190158	192.168.1.168	218.205.255.350	SOQ	217	HTTP/1.1
29	4.190176	2a02:1210:6e7b:9100::	2a02:1210:6e7b:9100::	DNS	103	Standard query 0x507 A safebrowsing.google.com
30	4.190198	2a02:1210:6e7b:9100::	2a02:1210:6e7b:9100::	DNS	103	Standard query 0x507 A safebrowsing.google.com
33	4.190208	2a02:1210:6e7b:9100::	2a02:1210:6e7b:9100::	DNS	92	Standard query 0x507 A wpad.hevs.ch
34	4.190218	2a02:1210:6e7b:9100::	2a02:1210:6e7b:9100::	DNS	92	Standard query 0x507 A wpad.hevs.ch
35	4.190246	2a02:1210:6e7b:9100::	2a02:1210:6e7b:9100::	DNS	92	Standard query 0x507 A wpad.hevs.ch
38	4.194997	2a02:1210:6e7b:9100::	2a02:1210:6e7b:9100::	DNS	89	Standard query 0x4be A wpad.home
39	4.195985	2a02:1210:6e7b:9100::	2a02:1210:6e7b:9100::	DNS	89	Standard query 0x578 AAAA wpad.home
408	49.229089	2a02:1210:6e7b:9100::	2a02:1210:6e7b:9100::	DNS	108	Standard query 0x339 AAAA beacon.gps.gpt7.com
491	49.229089	2a02:1210:6e7b:9100::	2a02:1210:6e7b:9100::	DNS	108	Standard query 0x339 AAAA beacon.gps.gpt7.com
591	49.556241	2a02:1210:6e7b:9100::	2a02:1210:6e7b:9100::	DNS	186	Standard query 0x26a AAAA config.teams.microsoft.com
496	49.556888	2a02:1210:6e7b:9100::	2a02:1210:6e7b:9100::	DNS	186	Standard query 0x343 A config.teams.microsoft.com
680	88.368080	2a02:1210:6e7b:9100::	2a02:1210:6e7b:9100::	DNS	96	Standard query 0x1255 A beacon.gpt2.com
683	88.368276	2a02:1210:6e7b:9100::	2a02:1210:6e7b:9100::	DNS	96	Standard query 0x730 AAAA beacon.gpt2.com
36	4.194232	2a02:1210:6e7b:9100::	2a02:1210:6e7b:9100::	DNS	92	Standard query response 0x507 No such name A wpad.hevs.ch
37	4.194947	2a02:1210:6e7b:9100::	2a02:1210:6e7b:9100::	DNS	92	Standard query response 0x507 No such name A wpad.hevs.ch
40	4.197504	2a02:1210:6e7b:9100::	2a02:1210:6e7b:9100::	DNS	89	Standard query response 0x507 No such name A wpad.home
41	4.198378	2a02:1210:6e7b:9100::	2a02:1210:6e7b:9100::	DNS	138	Standard query response 0x507 A safebrowsing.google.com CNVE sb.l.google.com A 172.217.168.78
43	4.198378	2a02:1210:6e7b:9100::	2a02:1210:6e7b:9100::	DNS	138	Standard query response 0x507 A safebrowsing.google.com CNVE sb.l.google.com A 172.217.168.78
44	4.198378	2a02:1210:6e7b:9100::	2a02:1210:6e7b:9100::	DNS	154	Standard query response 0x507 AAAA www.perdu.com 505 ns1.dreamhost.com
45	4.198378	2a02:1210:6e7b:9100::	2a02:1210:6e7b:9100::	DNS	89	Standard query response 0x578 No such name AAAA wpad.home

Packet Details:

Frame 31: 93 bytes on wire (744 bits) captured on interface eth0 (0x00:00:00:00:00:00) at 0.000000000 seconds on interface eth0 (0x00:00:00:00:00:00)

Ethernet II, Src: IntelCon 45:6a:4c:00:00:00, Dst: IntelCon 45:6a:4c:00:00:00

Internet Protocol Version 6, Src: 2a02:1210:6e7b:9100::, Dst: 2a02:1210:6e7b:9100::

User Datagram Protocol, Src Port: 507, Dst Port: 53

Domain Name System (Query)

Standard query 0x507 A safebrowsing.google.com

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